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In re Application of:
Ransom, Robert M.
Serial No.: 10/687,341
Filed: Oct. 17, 2003
Title: COLLAPSIBLE LUGGAGE AREA
PROTECTOR

DECISION ON RENEWED
PETITION TO ACCEPT
DUPLICATE PAPER UNDER
37 C.F.R. 1.181

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on November 29, 2007. The petitioner requests withdrawal of the holding of abandonment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181(a).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

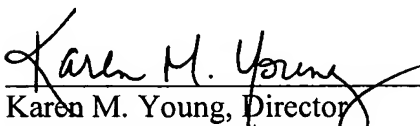
The present application was held abandoned for failure to timely respond to the non-final Office action mailed on Mar. 13, 2007, which set a three-month shortened period for reply. Notice of abandonment was mailed on Nov. 14, 2007.

Petitioner asserts that a timely response to the non-final office action was mailed to the Office on Apr. 18, 2007. The petitioner has supplied a copy of a Response to Official Action indicating a mailing date of Apr. 18, 2007 (Exhibit A). The petitioner has also provided a Certificate of Mailing pursuant to 37 CFR 1.8, dated Apr. 18, 2007 (Exhibit B). Finally, the petitioner has provided a copy of USPTO acknowledgement receipt with a date stamp of Apr. 23, 2007.

As petitioner has provided convincing evidence that a timely reply to the non-final Office action of Mar. 13, 2007 was mailed to the Office on Apr. 18, 2007, there is no abandonment in fact. Any inconvenience or delay caused to applicant is regretted.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment mailed Nov. 14, 2007 is in error and is hereby vacated. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn. This application is being forwarded to the examiner in Art Unit 3781 for appropriate action.

PETITION GRANTED


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